

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 179
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Rex Amonette, M.D., upon receiving the Gold Medal Award from the American Academy of Dermatology.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Memphis dermatologist Dr. Rex Amonette, who was honored with the Gold Medal Award from the American Academy of Dermatology (Academy), during the group's sixty-third annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Medal Award is the field of dermatology's highest honor. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding and exceptional service to the specialty of dermatology, and his or her substantial impact on the future of the science, teaching, and practice of cutaneous medicine, along with the individual's astounding contributions to the administrative aspects of the specialty, whether it be nationally or internationally; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the Gold Medal Award also are accorded honorary membership in the Academy in recognition of their dedication and life-long commitment to the American Academy of Dermatology and its mission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amonette received his Bachelor degree from Hendrix College, earned his medical degree from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, and then completed an internship at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center. This remarkable professional also received special training at the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks United States Air Force Base, completed his residency training in dermatology at the University of Tennessee, Memphis, and

fulfilled a skin cancer fellowship at the New York University Medical Center Skin and Cancer Unit; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amonette currently serves as a clinical professor for the University of Tennessee at Memphis' Health Science Center in the Division of Dermatology, in which position he has earned the respect of his peers and students alike due to the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rex Amonette has served with distinction in many leadership roles with various local, national, and international groups focused on medicine, cancer, and dermatological surgery, including serving as President of the American Academy of Dermatology, the International Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the Tennessee Dermatological Society, and the American College of Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology. Locally, he has served as President of the American Cancer Society, the Memphis Dermatological Society and the Memphis/Shelby County Chapter of the Tennessee Medical Societies; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as Chair of the Academy's development committee and Co-Chair of the National Coalition for Sun Safety; and

WHEREAS, this notable physician's work has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Public Service Award for Community Service given by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery and the Distinguished Service Award conferred by the American College of Mohs Surgery, he is the first recipient of the Meritorious Service Award and Medal from the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career as a dermatologist, Dr. Amonette has involved himself in such important tasks as founding the eight-member Memphis Dermatology Clinic where he proudly practices with his daughter and son-in-law; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Rex Amonette, M.D., for his dedication to the betterment of dermatology and inform him how proud we are to call him a fellow Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Rex Amonette, on being chosen as the recipient of the Gold Medal Award by the American Academy of Dermatology, salute his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.